

Montana-Made Biodiesel Available Here!

Earl Fisher Biofuels, located in Chester, Mont., has been a client of the **Bear Paw Food and Agricultural Development Center** in Havre since the program's inception. With a \$50,000 Growth Through Agriculture grant, acquired through the assistance of the center, Earl Fisher Biofuels and project partners set two primary goals for their project – to pilot the use of biodiesel as an alternative fuel in the railway industry, and for local producers and other stakeholders to recognize and prepare to realize the potential for increased biofuel production in north-central Montana.



Publicity has highlighted the project's achievement of good engine performance in BNSF's locomotives and the reduced harmful emissions with the low-sulfur biodiesel. Less well known is Earl Fisher's success producing large quantities of biodiesel and the relationship it has developed during the course of the project with Ezzie's Wholesale. **In March of 2012, Ezzie's unveiled the first commercial biodiesel pump using Montana-made biodiesel processed by Earl Fisher Biofuels!**

The project held a community celebration on March 6, 2012, at Ezzie's Cenex station in downtown Havre, where the pump is located. Those gathered included Lary Poulton, owner of Ezzie's Wholesale Inc., members of the National Biodiesel Board, and the owners and founders of Earl Fisher Biofuels of Chester, Brett Earl and Logan Fisher. The celebration culminated in participants watching the North Central Montana Transit buses fill their tanks with the biodiesel blend.

In an interview with the local newspaper, Paul Tuss, executive director of Bear Paw Development Corp., said that the local sale takes the project beyond the research stage.

"It's gone beyond theoretical to a success story," Tuss said.